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The Brady Brief - Celebrating Women's History Month

Dear Friend,

March marks Women's History Month, and I wanted to take the opportunity to highlight some of the ways I am working to ensure progress and equality for women. I have always been a staunch advocate for women's issues, and I have been proud to support various measures recently to benefit women. While we have made huge steps in ensuring fairness and equal opportunity for all women, there have been recent attacks on women's rights, and I will continue to fight against any efforts to repeal the progress made last Congress.

The following are just some of the efforts to benefit women that I supported in the 111th Congress:

- **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act**
 - Makes it illegal for insurance companies to deny any woman coverage because of a pre-existing condition or charge more because of health status or gender
 - Provides subsidized coverage to up to 15 million women who now are uninsured
 - Expands access to care, including guaranteeing choice of a primary care provider within a plan's network, including OB-GYNs and pediatricians
- **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**
 - Provided an additional \$2 billion for the Child Care and Development Block Grant, \$1 billion for Head Start, and \$1.1 billion for Early Head Start
 - Boosted family incomes by expanding the Child Tax Credit to cover an additional 10 million children in working families and creating a new Make Work Pay tax credit
 - Put \$225 million toward addressing violence against women in communities across the country, creating 5,000 jobs in the process
- **Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act**
 - Protects against pay discrimination for women and other workers
 - Creates the National Equal Pay Enforcement Task Force to bolster enforcement of pay discrimination laws, making sure women get equal pay for an equal day's work

In addition to these pieces of legislation, which I voted for and were signed into law, I recently voted against a measure that aimed to cut funding for family planning centers, reproductive health services, and community health care centers, all of which would have been incredibly damaging for women's health. As this



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new Congress progresses, know that I will continue to fight for those issues central to American women and work to ensure these important gains are not overturned.

Sincerely,



Robert Brady
Member of Congress

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